

**CHAPTER 668****(House Bill 1118)**

AN ACT concerning

**Natural Resources - ~~Fresh Water~~ Freshwater Fishing Guides**

FOR the purpose of delineating certain areas where a person may provide certain fishing guide services for compensation to a person fishing for game and freshwater fish; providing for certain application and renewal fees; requiring the Department ~~of~~ of Natural Resources to use certain fees for certain purposes and to report annually on certain fees collected and certain expenditures; requiring the Department of Natural Resources to adopt certain regulations; prohibiting a recreational angler under the guidance of certain freshwater fishing guides from possessing striped bass; prohibiting a recreational angler under the guidance of certain freshwater fishing guides from catching or attempting to catch striped bass in certain areas and during a certain period; requiring an applicant for a freshwater fishing license that will be used in tidal waters to demonstrate that they have obtained certain federal licenses; requiring the Department of Natural Resources to provide a certain report by a certain date and in a certain manner; providing for the contents of the report; prohibiting a person from furnishing any service as a fishing guide that requires operating a boat or vessel without complying with certain federal regulations; making this Act an emergency measure; and generally relating to a freshwater fishing guide license.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article - Natural Resources

Section 4-210.1

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1997 Replacement Volume and 1999 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

**Article - Natural Resources**

4-210.1.

(a) A person providing fishing guide services for compensation to a person fishing in nontidal freshwater OR AREAS OF TIDAL WATER DESIGNATED IN SUBSECTION (F) OF THIS SECTION for game and freshwater fish shall obtain a freshwater fishing guide license.

(b) An applicant for a license shall:

(1) Submit to the Department an application on the form that the Department requires;

(2) Pay to the Department an application fee of;